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BELLEVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSES

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on March 21, 2006, a federal grand jury returned an Indictment against RYAN A. SEIB, age 21, of Belleville, Illinois. The Indictment charges two counts of RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, and seven counts of Possession of Child Pornography. Receipt of Child Pornography carries a statutory penalty of five (5) to twenty (20) years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three (3) years' supervised release. Possession of Child Pornography carries a maximum statutory penalty of up to ten (10) years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three (3) years' supervised release. RYAN A. SEIB is presumed innocent of the charges until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The Indictment follows an investigation conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin F. Burke.